

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** DSC10291.JPG

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1400264.007

**Medium:** Computer Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

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| <b>Classification:</b> | Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. |
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**Descriptive note:** Contains graphic violence.

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 15 May 2014

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 14 May 2014

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a colour photographic image consisting of the right-hand side profile of a dead body.

This image is likely to cause derious harm to children and teenagers, who are unlikely to have previously been exposed to this degree of graphic injury and death. They will find this depiction incredibly disturbing and upsetting, which is likely to have a negative impact on their mental health and wellbeing. It could also inure them to such imagery, distorting their understanding of violence and the impacts of violence.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of all the classification criteria. It is likely some adults may find the publication shocking and upsetting however the publication is similar to material already available to adults and a further restriction on the availability of this particular publication would be unreasonable. The publication is therefore classified objectionable except if the availability of the publication is

restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. This is the lowest possible restriction on the right to freedom of expression that appreciates the risk of injury to the public good.